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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Claims 2-7 and 11-18 have been canceled.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has now amended claim 1 to include the features of claim 11 and claim 7.

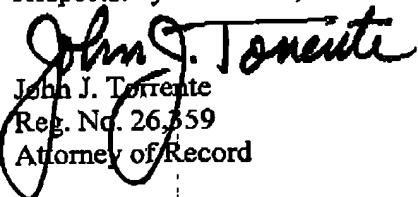
Amended claim 1 thus represents claim 11 rewritten in independent form and is allowable.

Claims 8-10 depend ultimately from claim 1 and are thus also allowable.

In view of the above, all the claims remaining in the application, i.e., claims 1 and 8-10, are allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims and passage of same and this application to issue is respectfully requested.

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